

LUDLOW SIDE HILL CRONCHERS MEETING MINUTES

The 4/21/11 meeting of the Ludlow Side Hill Cronchers Snowmobile Club was called to order by President Murphy at 6:41 PM with 10 members present. The meeting was held at Sam's Steakhouse in Ludlow.

Upon a motion by Brett Sanderson, seconded by Missy Waysville the minutes of the 3-30-11 meeting were approved as written.

Upon a motion by Missy Waysville, seconded by Brett Sanderson the Treasurer's report was accepted as presented.

All correspondence was reviewed by the Secretary.

Under **trails**; projects for the upcoming year include culvert replacement and installation in several locations, drainage maintenance and de-brushing. It was the consensus that we should put all of this work in as project funding requests to VAST. Someone has helped by consolidating all of the trail signs near the Sewer Plant. John will have them picked up. Scott Grover and Brett Sanderson will attend to some remaining work on the North Hill trails. Brett Sanderson noted that the road identification signs at road crossings would serve us better if they included the Town's name in addition to the street name. Brett noted it would be especially helpful for emergencies. We will put in for the signs through VAST, which usually funds one half of the cost of specialty signs and Ludlow Insurance agreed to fund the other half. Also needed are some signs that can be placed at various intersections on the trails indicating the direction to the Warming Hut. A discussion was held on the trail crossing on the Hughes property. Missy Waysville noted that the groomer had done some damage to the driveway and the landowner has had to open and close the gate themselves. John will refer this to the Trail Master.

Under **groomer**; John reported that the paperwork for a grant toward the purchase of a new groomer has been sent to VAST. Also the vendor contacted John and advised that they had left the taxes, in the amount of \$ 1200.00, out of the quote by mistake. We are awaiting the final payment from VAST for the past season grooming. Ron Bixby will make a bill for the County for Saturday Night grooming as soon as VAST sends the final accounting on what they will pay this year.

Under **Committee Reports**; a report given by Missy Waysville, Chairperson of the Membership Committee, indicated that the membership count has reached 854 for the year. There may be adjustments as the final paperwork is prepared for VAST. Missy Waysville, Chairperson of the Fund Raising Committee, reported that the committee is doing well with the new break open tickets. Also our 6th annual golf tournament, to be held on June 17th at the Green Mountain National Golf Course, is filling up fast with

players. Missy Waysville, as Chairperson of the Charitable Donation Committee, reported that the committee recommends that the balance in the fund, expected to be somewhere around \$1,000.00, be donated to David's House, with a presentation to the officials from that organization to be made at the Annual Golf Tournament in June.

Committee Reports: (continued)

Upon a motion by Doug Peabody, seconded by Brett Sanderson, it was voted to go along with the committee's recommendation and approve the \$1,000.00 donation to David's House to be made at the Golf Tournament.

Under **Unfinished Business**; a discussion was held on the request from the Andover Snowmobile Club for a donation from our club toward their purchase of a new snowmobile type groomer. As our members use the Andover trails as part of a "loop" when snowmobiling it was the consensus that we invite the President of the Andover club to our next meeting to do a presentation on their request. John Murphy said he will contact Alexis to find out why they cannot obtain a grant from VAST for the new unit.

Under **New Business**; the activities of the Windsor County Snowmobile Club were reviewed by Doug Peabody. President Murphy reported on our plans to provide lunch at the April 23rd Construction Seminar to be held by VAST at the Barre Auditorium, as we did last year. Missy Waysville reported that her research had shown that we can purchase a nice insulated tote bag for landowners with our name on them, along with the suppliers, for approximately \$ 2.00 per bag. ***Upon a motion by Ron Bixby, seconded by Brett Sanderson, it was voted to purchase two hundred of the bags, some to be given to landowners, others to be sold to members.*** It was reported that the pole barn construction, previously approved, will begin as soon as weather permits. Site work had been done by Sanderson Contracting last fall and the next step is setting of the poles. Brett and John will pursue trying to get the poles set by someone with the equipment to do so.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 25th at Sam's Steak House, beginning at 6:30 PM.

A Nominating Committee will be appointed by the President at the May meeting, they are to give a report at the June meeting and elections will take place at the July meeting.

Upon a motion by Brett Sanderson seconded by Doug Peabody, the meeting was adjourned at 8:02 PM